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| In re application of              | :                       |
| O'Banion et al.                   | :                       |
| Application No.: 10/780082        | :DECISION ON PETITION   |
| Date of Filing: February 17, 2004 | :FOR CORRECTION OF      |
| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR     | :INVENTORSHIP OF PATENT |
| FASTENING STEEL FRAMING WITH      | :                       |
| SELF-LOCKING NAILS                | :                       |

This is in response to applicant's Petition for Correction of Inventorship of Patent under 37 CFR 1.48(b) which was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The applicant has requested deleting inventors to the above-filed application, because the inventor's invention is no longer being claimed in the application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.48(b), the applicant has submitted a petition, which contains the appropriate fee, and a proper statement by applicant's representative. It is noted that a preliminary amendment to his application cancelled claims 1-84, presumably drawn to the inventive contribution from Mr. O'Banion, Mr. Moores, Jr., Mr. Berry and Mr. Judge.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Examiner Katherine Mitchell at 703-305-6713.

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